

3. The Customs Administration of either Party shall, upon the request of the Customs Administration of the other Party, attempt to gather and verify information and make inspections relating to matters referred to in Article 2 (1)(a) and (b).

4. The Customs Administration of the assisting Party shall comply with a request to follow a certain procedure in responding to a request, unless that procedure would conflict with the policy or normal practice of the assisting Party, in which event, compliance with such a request shall be within the discretion of the assisting Party.

5. The Customs Administration of the assisting Party shall, when possible, comply with a request that a representative of the requesting Party be present when a requested action is carried out.

6. The Customs Administration of the requesting Party shall, if it so requests, be advised of the time and place of the action to be taken in response to its request.

7. Where the Customs Administration of the receiving Party cannot comply with a request, it shall promptly notify the Customs Administration of the requesting Party of that fact and the reasons therefor, and shall inform the Customs Administration of the requesting Party of any information that might be helpful in pursuing the matter further.

8. Where the Customs Administration of the receiving Party is not the appropriate agency to respond to a request, it shall transmit the request to the appropriate agency, and shall notify the Customs Administration of the requesting Party of its action.

#### ARTICLE 8

##### *Documents and other Materials*

1. Original documents shall be provided only in cases where copies would be insufficient.

2. Original documents and other materials that have been provided to a Party shall be returned at the earliest opportunity.

#### ARTICLE 9

##### *Witnesses*

The Customs Administration of one Party may authorize its employees, upon the request of the Customs Administration of the other Party, to appear as witnesses or experts in judicial or administrative proceedings in the territory of the other Party and to produce such files, documents or other materials, or authenticated copies thereof, as may be considered essential for the proceedings.